

Dear Superintendent,

As you are aware, bullying is an issue that has drawn increasing attention throughout the last few years. In order to gain a better understanding of the dynamics of bullying within the state of Indiana, a group of faculty and students within the Counseling Program at Indiana State University are conducting a study that examines bullying at the Middle School level in our Indiana school systems. The results of this study will help give a snapshot picture of this issue within our state and possibly will help to develop more effective programs to address and prevent bullying. What is needed is for schools within the state to partner with us. We would like to survey teachers, students, and their parents on the issue and their knowledge of bullying.

We have been in contact with Mr. Gary Green, Director of Student Services with the Indiana Department of Education, who has allowed us to send this letter of invitation to you. We are now asking for your help. During the first two weeks of March we would like to distribute and collect surveys. Your school system's help in this matter would be greatly appreciated. If possible, we would like for your physical educators and/or health, music, and art teachers to distribute and collect the survey packets for students and parents during their respective classes. All individual information or identifying information obtained in connection with this study will remain confidential. Confidentiality will be maintained by means of a code number to allow cross-referencing. Information received and reported will be produced as group information to allow a clear snapshot of the state of Indiana schools on the issue of bullying.

If you would agree to allow us to invite your Middle School/Junior High School teachers, students, and parents of students to participate, please sign the approval consent form allowing your school's participation on the next page and return via FAX (812-237-2729) or email to

Kathy.Ginter@indstate.edu. We are attaching a copy of the student survey for you to examine.

If you have any questions in this matter, please contact us via email at Kathy.Ginter@indstate.edu or vbothwell2@indstate.edu, or you may reach me (Dr. Kathy Boone Ginter) at the ISU Student Counseling Center at 812-237-3939. We will be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

We realize that you will be going on break soon, therefore we will be sending out a reminder invitation letter at the beginning of January. We do feel this is a noteworthy project addressing a very significant issue. Your help is essential to our success and we do appreciate your willingness to be a part of this important research.

Thank you in advance,

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By checking the statement below, dating and signing (or typing) your name and school system, you are indicating that you are willing to allow your Middle School teachers, students and parents to be invited to participate in this project. Please return this form by email to Kathy.Ginter@indstate.edu or by FAX to 812-237-2729, ATTN: Kathy Boone Ginter.

_____ I grant permission for my Middle School teachers, students, and parents to be invited to participate in the Bullying study that will be conducted during the month of March, 2011.

Signature of Superintendent

Printed Name of Superintendent

School System

Date

Survey on Knowledge of Bullying Student Version

Grade

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Gender

Male Female

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Ethnicity

Caucasian African American Native Asian Hispanic
(White) (Black) Indian Asian Chicano Latino Multi-racial Other
(Mexican)

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Have you ever been bullied?

Yes No

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If yes, did you report/tell anyone about being bullied?

Yes No

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Who did you report/tell about being bullied? Check all that apply

Friend(s) Teacher Principal Parent(s)

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Have you ever taken part in bullying or bullied another person?

Yes No

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Do you participate on any athletic team(s)?

Yes No

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If yes, has any type of bullying or hazing ever occurred on that team?

Yes No

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How often have you been bullied?

Never	Once a Year or Less	Several Times a Year	Once a Month	2-3 Times a Month	Once a Week	2-3 Times a Week	Daily
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Where does the bullying take place? Check all that apply

Classroom	Hallway	Cafeteria	Gym	Internet/phone	Bathroom	Bus	Locker Room	Never happened
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	QID9	1 2 3 4 5	MC	MAHR	TX			

Have you ever experienced any of the following types of physical bullying? Check all that apply

Pushing/shoving	Stealing	Fighting	Assault with a weapon	Never happened	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1	QID10	1 2 3 4 5	MC	MAHR	TX

Have you ever experienced any of the following types of verbal bullying? Check all that apply

Jokes/teasing	Threatening	Gossiping	Internet/text	Never happened	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1	QID11	1 2	MC	SAHR	TX

Are there any types of intervention programs in your school to prevent or address bullying?

Yes No

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If YES, do you feel they are working?

Yes No

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1	QID13	1 2	MC	SAHR	TX

If NO, would you like a program to be implemented in your school?

Yes No

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1	QID14	1 2 3 4	MC	MAVR	TX

What things do you think would stop bullying at school? Check all that apply

- ☐ School rules against bullying behaviors

- ☐ Bullying prevention programs
- ☐ Teachers/administrators and/or counselors
- ☐ Nothing can be done to stop people from bullying